



**SAINT
IGNATIUS**

COLLEGE PREP

Founded in 1870 as Chicago's first Jesuit school.

College Counseling Info Sheet for Freshmen and Sophomores

What You Can Do Now

- Work hard in your classes – *grades are the #1 factor in college admissions decisions*. Many colleges make decisions based on grades in your first six semesters (i.e. freshmen through junior year) and the rigor of the senior year schedule.
- Visit as many college campuses as possible; first-hand experience with colleges will be your biggest help in the college search process. Make it fun: attend a sporting event, play, or other campus activity!
- Time management is essential for being a successful student – ask for help if you need it!
- Make use of time for self-reflection at retreats, IVDs, etc. Most college essays ask you to share personal experiences and future goals.
- Look for leadership opportunities when you are a junior/senior - better to have fewer activities with substantial dedication than many activities with little depth.
- If you are considering college athletics, speak to your coach and ask their opinion on your abilities and college fit (D-I, D-II, D-III).
- Fall Semester: Attend college rep presentations in the College Counseling Office during lunch periods.

Develop Your College Interest List

- Include a range of types: public/private, close/far, etc.
- Talk to family, friends, and teachers about their college experiences.
- Do not rely too heavily on “rankings” – many factors are quite subjective.
- *Visit college campuses!* Check admissions websites or call admissions offices for tour times.
- Research through exploring college websites, guidebooks, and online resources.

Timeline for College Counseling

- **Join us for one of our College Counseling Coffee Talks: 7:45-9:00 am in our office on the following dates: Tuesday, Oct. 17; Friday, Nov. 10; Wednesday, Dec. 6; Thursday, Feb. 8; Tuesday, Mar. 6 & Wednesday April 18**
- **Wednesday, March 21, 2018:** 26th Annual College Fair, 7:00-8:30pm, Tully Hall & Gentile Gym, open to all students and parents/guardians
- **November of Junior Year:** College Planning Workshop for Juniors and parents/guardians
- **September of Junior and Senior Years:** Financial Aid Night, open to all students and parents/guardians
- **Second Semester of Junior Year:** Begin individual meetings with your college counselor
- **Beginning of Senior Year:** Application Workshop for Seniors and parents/guardians

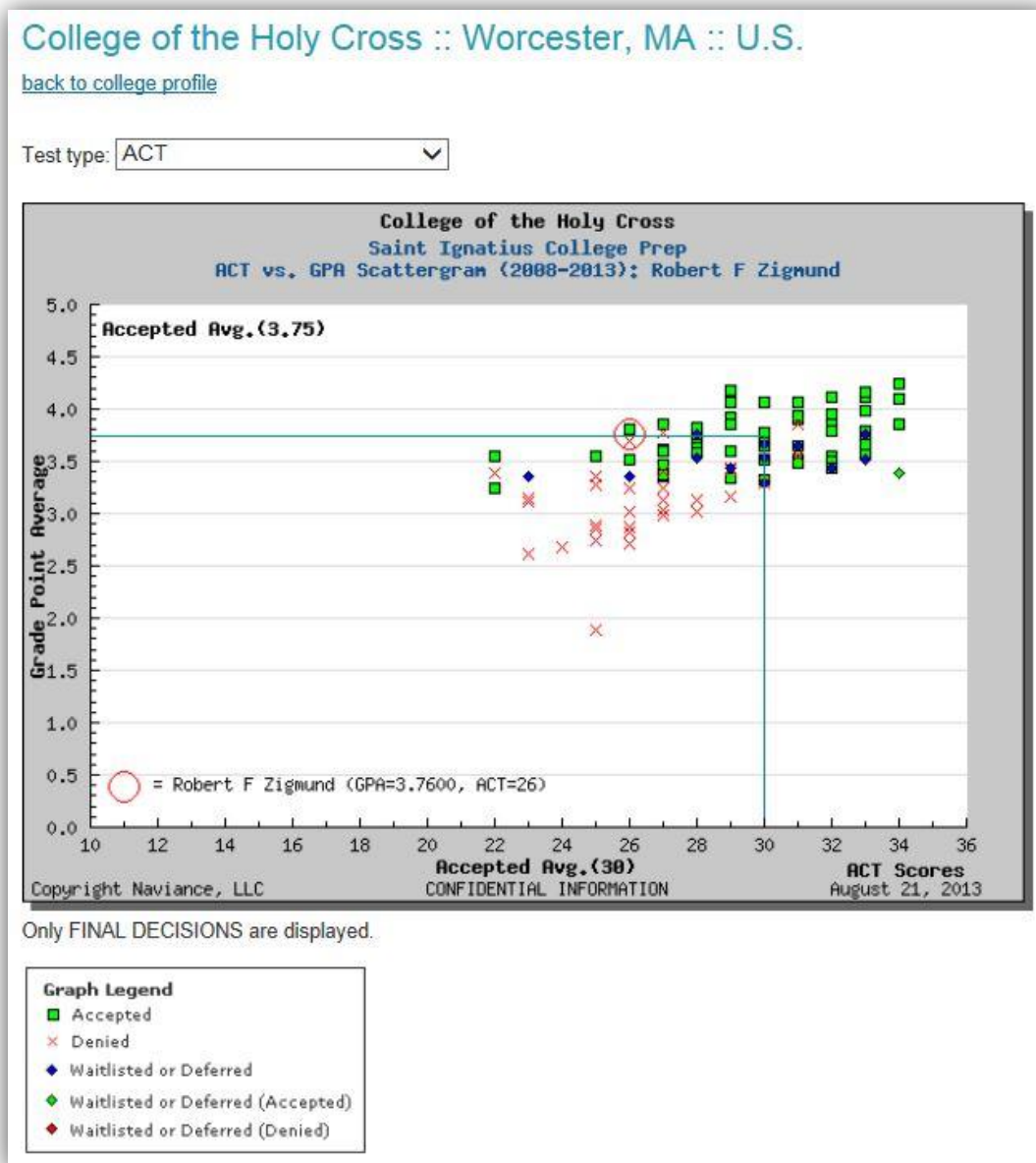
Testing (*watch for emails & messages from our office regarding test prep opportunities*)

- **Wednesday, October 11, 2017:** All Freshmen: Class Retreat / All Sophomores and Juniors: PSAT exam
- **Thursday, March 1, 2018:** All Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors: Practice ACT exam
- In order to take an ACT or SAT exam (i.e. junior and senior year), you must register online in advance at www.collegeboard.com (SAT) or www.actstudent.org (ACT)

Family Connection

- Family Connection is an online database of college information and admission statistics
- Users are able to view both national data and Ignatius-specific data on college admissions
- Juniors will receive full-access to the site at the November College Planning Workshop
- The link to the site is on the College Counseling page of the Ignatius website
 - Direct URL: <http://connection.naviance.com/ignatius>
 - Click on “I’m a guest.” The guest password is: **wolfpack**
 - Guest users can click on the “Colleges” tab, then search for colleges by name or use the college match tools
 - Once you have opened a school’s profile page, be sure to click on the “Graph” link to find Ignatius-specific statistics on admission

Example Graph from Family Connection:



Each point on the graph represents a previous Saint Ignatius College Prep senior that applied to the college (this is an example for College of the Holy Cross) in the past three years. The y axis represents the SICP gpa scale, the x axis represents standardized testing scores. The blue lines represent the admission average for the school, based on our application data. Per the graph legend, past students who were admitted are squares, those denied are x's and those waitlisted are diamonds.

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